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Reflections

Dearly Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

“Go in peace; remember the poor”

During this season of Lent we are concluding our Sunday liturgy with those words, “Go in peace; remember the poor.” Last Sunday in my comments to the children I reminded them (and all of us, as well) that the Lenten season invites us to think less about ourselves and more about God and others. It is, after all, our inclination, indeed our proclivity, to think first of ourselves, is it not? Such a reminder, therefore, is not only useful but necessary if we would follow Jesus. When we think first of God and others our view of the world changes and, indeed, we change too.

The well-known preacher, Tony Campolo, in a sermon on the Sunday after 9/11 told of a trip he had made to Haiti. “When I was in Haiti, I was at this restaurant table, ready to eat my meal. I looked to the right, and there were these three boys . . . Dirty and filthy, with swelled bodies and hair thin and rust-colored from malnutrition. These boys pressed their noses against the glass, staring at the food on my plate. The waiter, seeing my discomfort, moved in and quickly and pulled down the shade, and then said to me, “don’t let that bother you; enjoy your meal.” - - as if I could - - But isn’t that what we all do? Don’t we all pull down the shade?” It is our inclination to seek to shield ourselves from those less fortunate than we — the majority of our world that lives in poverty — those who experience daily suffering — those shut out from food sustainability, reasonable justice and hopeful advocacy — those denied decent health care — and . . . and . . .

Maybe the recent earthquake in Haiti, that yielded such massive destruction and devastation, helped to lift our shade a bit. In the generous outpouring of help we’ve experienced there has been an awakening of consciousness toward others and I dare to believe such an awakening has been prompted by the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives whether or not we are aware of it.

Each day, as I travel to and from Prince of Peace, I pass by our neighbor, the Assumption Catholic Parish. On their billboard along Indian Trail Road they have this reminder, “This Lent help the Haitians carry their cross.” It’s been an awakening for me. Could it be for you, too?

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Hello Caritas Friends,

Caritas continues to serve new people every day. Our current needs list includes: Canned beef stew, pancake mix, household cleanser, 40 oz. dish soap, 50 oz. laundry detergent and sponges. Financial donations are always welcome and may be mailed to Caritas Outreach Ministries, 2919 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205.

As always, thanks so much for your continued support and concern for God’s people.

Sue Miller



As you journey through this Lenten season, I invite you to pull up the shade on your life, center your attention less on yourself and more clearly on God and on others and let God's spirit have it's way with you.

"Go in peace; remember the poor."

Your pastor journeying with you,

Darrel Lundby, interim pastor

From the President:

This is a new year, a new beginning and anything is possible with God. We are the **Church** — God's people. You and I are baptized into God's Kingdom. God promises to supply all our needs.

We are the **Children of God** bound together into one, who is Jesus Christ. We all belong and everyone is needed to fulfill God's word.

God sent the **Holy Spirit** to be with us — to guide and direct us.

We are **United** by our baptism into Christ and by his body and blood.

We are **Renewed** by Christ's Love and Mercy.

Therefore, **Christ** has called, strengthened and enlightened each of us.

Hallelujah — Praise his name for he has chosen you and I to be his children. And as His children we then are to be His hands, feet and heart in this place.

So we move through this Lenten season let us be repentant and rededicate ourselves to Christ, his Kingdom, the Church. Let us join together in Prayer — Trusting in God to continue the good work he has begun in this place and to guide and direct us in the path He has chosen for us. Let us work together as a Christ centered congregation, in love, willing to let God work in each of us to be a blessing to each other and to build up the Kingdom of God. May Jesus Christ be Praised.

Yours in Christ,
Kathy Fleiger

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Services – 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Education — 9:30 (Y) 9:40 (Ad)
Fellowship – 9:15 & 10:20

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Mon. thru Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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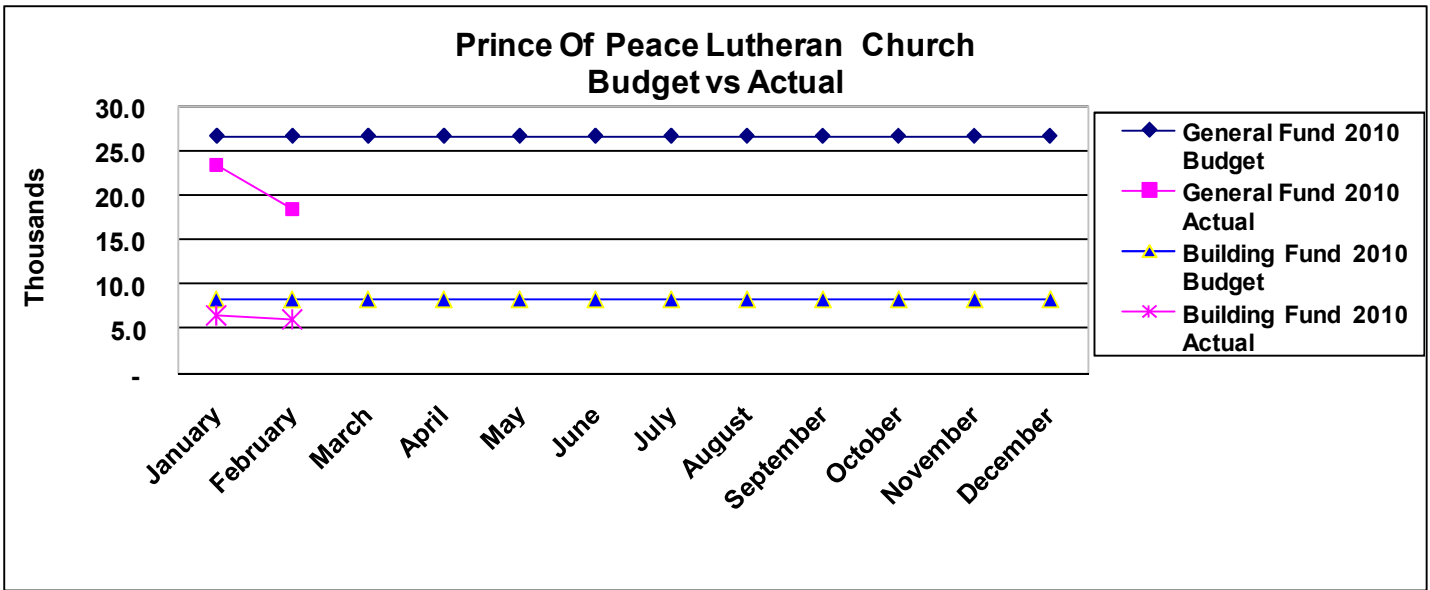
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING THRU FEBRUARY 21ST

	January	February	Year-to-Date	Monthly Giving Goal	Year-to-Date Deficits
<u>General Fund</u>	\$ 23,411.72	\$ 18,411.00	\$ 41,822.72	\$ 26,666.67	\$ 4,843.95
<u>Mortgage Payment</u>	\$ 6,472.00	\$ 6,009.00	\$ 12,481.00	\$ 8,378.50	\$ 2,191.38



Call Committee Report

February, 2010

As of mid February, your call committee has conducted two interviews and is researching another pastoral candidate. In January, we had a great interview meeting with a Pastor from Montana. Upon prayerful consideration, the Pastor accepted a Lutheran Outdoor Ministry director position in S. Dakota that she had previously interviewed for. The committee felt privileged to have had the opportunity to meet the Pastor and we wish her well in her new calling.

To set the record straight, there have been no pastors that have declined to speak with, nor have turned us down for an interview due to any issues related to Prince of Peace's congregation. If anyone has any names they choose to submit for consideration, please nominate them through the call committee and we will forward them to the ELCA Synod office for review. We are often frustrated by the lack of available names, or the time involved between candidates. Calling a pastor doesn't always work according to our time schedule, but God's. He is ultimately in charge and we all need to put our faith and trust in his hands and ask for his continued guidance.

We ask that you continue to keep our call process and your call committee in your prayers.

In His Service,

Randy Fleiger-chairperson

Gwen Akers
Todd Lalley
Mike Sanborn

Peter Bauernfeind
John Renford
Jenna Tamura



Walking Away

As sadly as it may seem
Yet it is always that way.
Whenever there is a controversy
Some folks just walk away.

While a vote was taken
Some two thousand miles away,
Neither you nor I
Had been offered our say!

We've so much invested
In what we have here.
It's taken years of planning
Of prayers, of fortune and tears.

The planning was masterful.
All the pieces fell into place.
The right people come forward,
To lead by God's grace.

Our fortune was forthcoming,
And eagerly at that.
Here was our half million dollars
We dropped into the hat!

Two buildings were sold
To add to the pot.
And a loan taken out
While the taking was hot!

Construction began
As excitement was high.
Then finished for Easter
Amazed and thankful — oh my!

Every prayer would be answered
As we worshipped in this place anew.
Had He heard all those prayers?
Yes! He had and not only a few.

We still strive for this congregation,
Strength in our Lord is our resolve we pray.
For our families and this community
We will not walk away!

A poem by Bruce Anthony



February Council Meeting Highlights

The Education Committee is looking for some adult volunteers for the Lutherhaven Summer Camp. The Summer Camp will be held the second full week of July. Karen Heimbigner is the contact for summer camp volunteers.

We are encouraging the different church committees to bring food items for the Caritas grocery cart. During committee night, instead of eating snacks, let's show our support for this worthwhile organization.

Council held a mini-retreat at the church on Saturday, February 27th.

Bible Readings for the Month

Sunday, March 7

1st Lesson — Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

2nd Lesson — 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel — Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 14

1st Lesson — Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2nd Lesson — 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel — Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday, March 21

1st Lesson — Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

2nd Lesson — Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel — John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 28

1st Lesson — Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

2nd Lesson — Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel — Luke 22:14—23:56

WOMEN GETTING TOGETHER



DON'T FORGET WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, March 3,
at 9:30 a.m.

And . . .

WOMEN'S MORNING TOGETHER

Tuesdays, March 2 & 16

7:00 a.m.

at the Liezen's home

PRIMETIMERS

Thursday, March 25

Noon—Potluck

We will be joined by the “Young at Heart”
group from Messiah Lutheran for a
Dog Training Presentation

See you there!

Assists for March

March 7

David Liezen

March 14

Pam Farkas

March 21

Gabe Lungstrom

March 28

Margie Indahl

Deacons for March

March 7

Doug & Gail Freese

March 14

Iris Pehan

March 21

Margaret Clark

March 28

Randy Fleiger

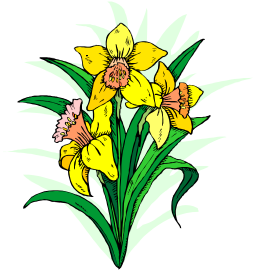


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Sounds of Life 6:30 pm	2 Women's Morning Together 7 am All Committee Night 7 pm	3 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Soup Supper 6 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Adult Choir 7:45 pm	4 Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University 6:30 pm	5	6
7 <u>Worship</u> 8:15 & 10:45 am <u>Fellowship</u> 9:15 & 10:20 am <u>Christian Ed.</u> 9:30 am	8 Sounds of Life 6:30 pm Evening Quilters 6:30 pm	9 Quilters 9 am <i>N. Indian Trail NC</i> 7 pm	10 Soup Supper 6 pm Lenten Service 7 pm Adult Choir 7:45 pm	11 Executive Committee 6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting 7 pm</i>	12	13
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Women of the ELCA Spring Cluster Meeting Saturday, April 17, 2010



Where: St. Luke Lutheran Church, 9706 N. Division, Spokane
Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Registration Opens at 8:45 am
Lunch cost: \$4.50

Physical Offering — Student art supplies or school supplies or books appropriate to grades 1-12 for the Boys and Girls Club.

Please phone reservations to the church office (467-5256) by April 1. Please leave a message if no one is available to take your call.

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